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**“DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE”**

Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of Armenians in the United States, and those citizens have enriched our state through their leadership in the fields of business, agriculture, academia, medicine, government, and the arts and are proud and patriotic practitioners of American citizenship.

From 1915 to 1923, over one and a half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent fell victim to a state-sponsored genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire.

Revisionists still inexplicably deny the existence of these horrific events. Only by consistently remembering and openly condemning the atrocities can we prevent future acts of hatred and evil.

Recognition of the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this genocide is crucial to preventing the repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these tragic events.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby declare April 24, 2008 as a “Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 – 1923” throughout Los Angeles County to secure closure, healing and understanding for those impacted by the genocide including the 350,000 Armenian-Americans that live in the County.

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